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W. Bank general strike called

TEL AVIV, March 28 (R). — Hundreds of leaflets distributed in Ramallah and Nablus on the occupled West Bank today called for a general strike on March 30 in solidarity with Israeli Arabs marking the Day of the Land last year in which six people were killed and scores injured. The leaflets, signed by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), also called for action against Jewish settlement in the occupied series of pagesful tary sources said. Israeli Arabs plan a series of peaceful demonstrations to mark the first anniversary of the Day of the Land, when Israeli police and soldiers opened fire to disperse Arab demonstrators protesting against a government decision to confiscate land in Galilee.

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Barre resigns, is asked to nead new 15-member cabinet

i, March 28 (R). - French Minister Raymond Barre ad with his government but President Valery d d'Estaing immediately ted him to head a new

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television address broadhortly after the resigna-nuouncement, the presi-aid he had asked M. Barform a new streamlined inber cabinet to lead the ment coalition into Fraveneral election one year

ediciscard d'Estaing indicavat several top ministers outgoing government lose their jobs. The new would be "freed from politics" he stated.

ion between the coali-arties -- Gaullists, indeat Republicans and Cen-... - has rent the ruling mafor some time.

ng the change of gover-squarely in the frameof the forthcoming battle 1978 parliamentary elethe President said M. would form the new caomorrow. But he did not whether its membership be announced immediaIt would contain 15 ministers instead of 18 in the outgoing team.

M. Giscard d'Estaing, stung by the government's defeat in the elections, said the divisions within the ruling majority had done the government "conside-rable harm".

He gave no hint of the personalities M. Barre would be bringing in to replace those he holds responsible for the divi-

Among those likely to be dropped or shifted are Interior Minister Michel Poniatowski and Minister of State for Planning Jean Lecanuet, who both head coalition parties.

They have frequently quarrelied with their Gaullist coalition_partners headed by former Premier Jacques Chirac, who has emerged as an aggressive rival to the president in recent months.

'The majority must unite, and when you choose to unite you must do so sincerely, without ulterior motives and without rancour", the president

He complained that not only the government majority but

eath toll rises to 562

worst airline tragedy

RAGE BURNS -- A Spanish fireman plays a stream of m the burning wreckage of one of two Boeing 747 jetliners

ashed in Santa Cruz de Tenerife, in the Canary Islands,

jumbo was killed KLM said the plane had been carrying 235

passengers -- six of them ba-bles -- and 14 crew on a holi-day package flight.

An official in the control to-

But the IATA president said

that if visibility at the airport

had not been within official re-

quirements, no planes would have been allowed to take off.

not discuss the cause of the

accident until taped recordings

of conversations between the

Dutch and American Boeing

747s and the control tower had

tapes as they are now in the possession of the Spanish authorities," said.

The two jumbos had been

diverted to Tenerife after a

bomb explosion at the main

Canary Island airport in Las

An Algeria-based leftist mo-

vement demanding independence for the Canary Islands has claimed responsibility for the

The official investigation into

the crash will be held in secret

but its findings are to be made

public as soon as possible.

"We cannot play back these

been heard.

Mr. Orlandini said he would

wer told Reuter yesterday that

the planes had run into each

other "in poor visibility."

France itself was deeply divid-

"For France this is an evil and a cause of weakness at home and abroad", he said.

"Some see the government majority and the opposition as two armies on campaign, with one having to crush the other. reject this attitude". The president said he respec-

ted French men and women who voted for the opposition left but he simply believed they were making a dangerous choi-ce both for the country and for The solution he outlined to-

night is to free the government politics as far as possible. The new cabinet would be composed of men and women who would concentrate solely on fulfilling their tasks, he said

Silver Jubilee celebrations start with a touch of joy as boy and girl scouts release doves and throw roses towards Their Majestles King Hussein and Prince Mohammad at the Raghdan Palace Sunday. (JNA photo).

Lebanese right protests against appointment of new army commander

An independent arrab political daily p

عن المرسة الصحفية الارنبية « الراي »

BEIRUT, March 28, (R). - The Lebanese government today appointed a new army commander-in-chief despite protests by the Lebanese right and a bomb attack against Defence and Foreign Minister Fuad But-

ros.
The cabinet, meeting under President Elias Sarkis, issued a decree dismissing Gen. Hanna Saeed and appointing Col. Victor Khoury in his place. The new commander was promoted

from colonel to brigadier.

Earlier today, a bomb blast wrecked the apartment of Mr. Butros. He and his family were unhurt but another man in the building was injured, Radio Be-

Rightists, who are opposed to the appointment of a new commander-in-chief, blamed the left for the blast

"The communists did it to try to embarrass us," a senior rightist source said. At the start of the cabinet

meeting President Sarkis condemned the bomb attack and said such acts were aimed at obstructing progress towards peace, Radio Beirut reported.

Brig. Khoury, 48, commanded an armoured corps in Beirut before the outbreak of the civil war. He was then made deputy commander of the northern zone of Lebanon until the army disintegrated during the war.

He is known to have kept out of the fighting between the Lebanese factions in the civil war. Some factions of the Lebanese right called for a general strike today to protest among other things at the decision the appointment.

The Lebanese right, wanted the government to produce a solving the Middle East probformula for what it calls "a

LUSAKA, March 28 (AFP). — Soviet head of State Nikolai

Podgorny today pledged Mos-cow's continued support for Southern Africa's liberation

A joint communique issued

after three hours of talks be-

tween Mr. Podgorny and African nationalist leaders here,

said : "The liquidation of the

last vestiges of colonialism and racism is one of the most im-

It said Mr. Podgorny "confirmed solidarity with the struggle

of the people of Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) Namibia (South

West Africa) and South Africa

against the colonial, racist yo-ke for freedom, national inde-

Mr. Podgorny met the natio-

nalist leaders -- Mr. Joshua

pendence and equality."

portant international tasks."

movements.

Podgorny meets with

African nationalists

new Lebanon" before there are changes in the armed forces under a new commander. Rightist sources said they

first want a "reorganisation" of Lebanon on cantonal lines, probably with three or four separate cantons.

They see each canton having a separate army and argue that until there is agreement on the shape Lebanon will take after its civil war, there is no point in reorganising the army. In Damascus, Syria's ruling Baath Party newspaper, Al Baath, has called for reconstruc-

fill the military and political vacuum in the southern Leba-

Al Baath yesterday accused an unnamed Lebanese party of trying to prevent the rebuilding of the army.

The newspaper said the army

was the only body which could implement the 1969 Cairo agreement regulating the existence of Palestinian commandos in Lebanon. It also supported President Elias Sarkis in his efforts to rebuild Lebanon and its

Arafat arrives in Riyadh after talks with Sadat

AMMAN, March 28 (Agencies) Mr. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), arrived in Riyadh today on a visit to Saudi Arabia, Riyadh Radio reported. His visit follows agreement by the Arab League Council sterday to renew the mandate of the 30,000-man Arab peacekeeping force in Lebanon for another six months

Mr. Arafat yesterday beld separate talks in Cairo with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Egyptian Premier Mamdoub

His talks with the Egyptian officials were understood to deal in part with the forthcoming visit to the United States by Mr. Sadat for talks with President Carter on ways of

Nkomo, joint-leader of Rhode-

sia's Patriotic Front, Mr. Sam

Nujoma, President of SWAPO

(South West African People's

Organisation) and Mr. Oliver Tambo, leader of South Afri-ca's banned African National

Congress -- at the Soviet Em-

bassy here.
Afterwards the nationalists

expressed their "high apprecia-tion of the external political principles of the Soviet Union"

and their "deep gratitude to the Soviet people."

dential communique announced today that Cuban Prime Minis-

ter Fidel Castro has cancelled

plans to visit Zambia during his

current African shuttle so as

not to clash with the official visit here of Soviet President

Meanwhile, a Zambian presi-

Mr. Arafat said in a U.S. television interview tonight he saw President Carter's call for a Palestinian homeland as a step towards peace in the Mid-

In an interview broadcast on CBS Television Mr. Arafat said he was not surprised by Mr. Carter's comment, made recently in Clinton, Massachussets, that a homeland had to be provided for Palestinian "refugees".

"We have to consider it. It is a progressive step because for a first time, the president of America put his hand on the core of the whole crisis in the Middle East -- the Palestin-

The PLO leader, interviewed at Arab League Headquarters in Cairo during a recent meeting of the Palestine National Council, said he saw as "a very important signal" the invitation of a PLO delegation to a recent reception held in honour of Mr. Carter at United Nations headquarters in New York.

Mr. Arafat declined on several occasions during the interview to say whether the PLO would recognise Israel, men-tioning each time that Israel had not recognised the PLO.

Asked if he wanted to send President Carter a message about the PLO's possible reco-gnition of Israel, Mr. Arafat

"I'll say something more important, than this, I'm telling him through you, through this television, I will make all my best (efforts) to help him settle a just peace in this area. All my efforts. Tell him that, all my efforts."

In a separate development, the Jordanian newspaper Al Destour reported yesterday that the PLO has asked President Sadat to try to presuade President Carter to recognise the PLO and allow it to open a Washington office.

Quoting PLO spokesman Abdul Muhsen Abu Maizar, the paper said the PLO had sent a memorandum with these requests to President Sadat in preparation for his official visit to Washington next month. The memorandum also dema-

nded that the American government recognise the national rights of the Palestinian people. Mr. Abu Maizar, the paper said, had indicated that President Sadat "perfectly underst-ood" the Palestinian position and had promised to ask President Carter to get his government to modify its attitude in favour of the PLO, believing this would help overcome obstacles to reconvening the Geneva conference on the Middle

King Hussein: The best moment will come when we achieve peace

"Every single moment of my life has been a continuous struggle, and the best moment for my people -- l hope -- will come when we are able to achieve stability in this entire area and accomplish our objective of establishing a just and durable peace so that the energies resources of the people be directed towards building a better future," His Majesty King Hussein told the

nation Sunday.

The King was speaking to television and newspaper reporters at Raghadan Palace where celebrations began to mark the silver jubilee of His Majesty's ascent to the throne. On the occasion Prime Minister Mudar Badran presented the King with the silver jubilee flag specially designed for the celebrations. Jordanian's from all walks of life went up to the palace to congratulate the King.

"My wishes are for the people

the Jordan Times, "the people who have achieved -- even before I became King -- and together through continuous effort over these many years -we have achieved the first of our objectives : we have taken serious steps towards making this country an example for others."

of my country," the King told

"I hope the people will continue on that same road, and I will exert every energy remaining in me to serve them," the King told our reporter, Lina

King Hussein said in an impromptu interview with Jordan Television recorded at the ceremony 'I am confident that within the Jordanian people there is the dynamism, there is the love, there is the passion. there is every high quality that will enable us to achieve our objectives and I hope it will all

"All that has been achieved in this country is the making of the people, not mine."

"I am looking forward to continuing to work in the service the Jordanians with the aim of achieving a better life, stability and peace in the area."

"I hope that all of us here in Jordan would really make a determined effort to look not at the level of the individual and his own basic interests but at the interests of our community as a whole," the King added in the television inter-

"I hope we will put all our efforts together towards building a better future ... we seek a manner that satisfies the interests of all, as in one family,' he told the nation. Asked how he felt at the

moment, he replied: "I feel

At the outset of talks with Vance

Soviet leaders attack Carter's was dependent on American actions in the human rights area. "No, they didn't say so,"

Mr. Vance met Mr. Brezhnev

and Mr. Gromyko at the Kre-

mlin for two and a half hours

this morning during which they

exchanged formal statement on Soviet-American relations and

had a "dialogue" on subjects

In late afternoon Mr. Vance

and Mr. Gromyko held an equ-

ally long meeting devoted to

the strategic arms question. Mr.

Vance said he expected SALT

would dominate discussions to-

Meeting reporters at the Am-

each other had raised.

MOSCOW, March 28 (R). Soviet leaders today attacked President Carter's human rights stand at the outset of talks with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, then moved on to several hours of serious discussion on strategic arms limitation talks (SALT).

The Kremlin attack was delivered by Communist Party General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev during formal talks and by Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko during a luncheon speech later.

Mr. Brezhnev said that constructive development of relations was "impossible" without observance of the principle of noninterference in internal affairs.

Mr. Gromyko said any attempt to ignore or violate the same principle "cannot but have an unfavourable effect on our relations. He added: "It would be a serious mistake to think and act differently."

But Mr. Vance told reporters this evening he felt "the air is cleared" and the subject would not come up again. He was asked if Soviet leaders said progress on SALT

erican embassy, he said the general atmosphere had been "businesslike" with "some progress" achieved.

morrow morning.

he replied.

He said he presented two American proposals for strategic arms cuts -- one a wideranging plan that would bring substantial reductions in the ceiling of 2,400 bombers and missiles tentatively agreed by both countries in Vladivostok

in 1974. The second was essentially to ratify the 1974 accord, delimits on the cruise missile, now at an advanded stage of development in the U.S.

Mr. Vance said the Soviet side presented essentially the same proposal as one year ago, calling for a ceiling of 2,400 the cruise.

Mr. Vance said he and Mr. Gromyko discussed at some length questions raised by the fact that the two month administration had fundamentally changed the American approach to strategic arms. But he dec-lined to go into detail.

The secretary said he was "not surprised" by the Soviet attacks on President Carter's human rights policy.

He said he told Mr. Brezhnev the American principles on human rights sprang from deeplyheld values and that Soviet and American societies are as different as their values.

Mr. Vance said he told the Kremlin chief the American concepts were universal in nature and "we will continue to do what we think necessary.'



MOSCOW MEET -- Secretary General of the Soviet Communist Party Leonid Brezhnev (first from right) and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko (to Mr. Brezhnev's right) listen to U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance (first from left) during talks at the Kremlin Monday. (AP wirephoto).

Bhutto pledges his new 5-year mandate to back government's past actions

istan, announced that the gislature's five year mawould be used for "con-ion and strengthening" vernment's past actions. nearly two-hour speech the diplomatic corps and of the major state bodir. Bhutto discussed the of this month's elec-Pakistan's relations with stride world, and future ment policy. cerning the elections, all-

gue" with the opposition, which is boycotting the new assembly. "I swear to you," he said

ing of the elections."

ution gave the opposition the possibility of taking its case to the courts. ny the opposition to have

(ABAD, March 28 (AFP). been rigged, Mr. Bhutto reitera-Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, to-elected prime minister gue" with the opposition, jail as "guests" of the govern-ment, added : "I hope, pray they will come here."

other countries, he said : "I will not tend to believe that any foreign power has tried to interfere with Pakistan's in-

ersaries. On his government's future said "I Am prepared for a grof the population.

and consensus" with all strata He said he was ready to revise the policy of nationalising

If the opposition played its part, he added, he would also

freedom. In Karachi, meanwhile, the government announced that the curfew would be lifted from half of the city's western district from tomorrow morning, conditions having returned to

An eight-day curfew on the Karachi east district was lifted

Djibouti factions urged to unite The territory's Prime Minister, Mr. Abdullah Kamil, said factory and lasting solutions to some of the difficult problems

Djibouti."

ACCRA, March 28 (R). — Political factions in the French territory of the Afars and Issas (Djibouti), which is due to be-come independent on June 27, were urged today to unite to prevent internal conflicts which could spill over its borders.

Ghana's Commissioner (Minister) for Foreign Affairs, Col. Roger Felli, also warned of a possible super-power confrontation in the area.

Representatives of all political factions in the Red Sea territory are meeting in Accra under the auspices of the Organisation of African Unity (OA-U) to seek a so-far elusive common strategy.

Col. Felli told the opening session of the four-day confer-ence its aim was to "find satis-

likely to arise from the process of de-colonalisation in Djibou-

He said the problems "include possible internal conflict among the different ethnic groups and political (factions) in the territory, conflicts which could spill into neighbouring Somalia and Ethiopia, which are two countries with special relations with and interest in Djibouti."

Col. Felli added: "There are also the problems of forestalling a possible super-power confrontation in the area and securing international guarantees of non-interference in the internal affairs of an independent

on his arrival here last night he hoped that under OAU auspices the various groups could return home united. Mr. Kamil has already accepted proposals outlined in a conference in Paris earlier this

month for a referendum on independence and general elections on May 8. But several of the political groups, particularly those representing the Afar section among the territory's 250,000 po-

pulation, boycotted the Paris meeting.
Afar leaders have complained that arrangements for the general elections unduly favour the Issas, who are concentrated in the territory's port capi-

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airport yesterday.

rding to provisional fissued by the Spanish Air y in Madrid, only 80 peirvived the inferno that d the crash. ministry said everyone

"that it was not a policy of the government to have any rigg-He admitted that there had been the occasional cases of "individual excess" on polling day, but said that the constit-

Mr. Bhutto, who spoke of the opposition leaders currently in

On Pakistan's relations with ternal affairs" by giving finan-cial support to his political adv-

domestic policies, Mr. Bhutto

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Celebrating the silver jubilee

Jordan has launched into celebrations of His Majesty King Hussein's silver jubilee with pomp and fanfare which has been releived by a quiet and humble word from the King.

The celebrations, the hoisting of flags and displays of high flown rhetoric we will witness over the coming several months are meant as a tribute to King Hussein and to what he has done for the country.

The tribute is richly deserved. The question, however, is what will be done alongside the public celebrations to make this silver jubilee a true tribute to the King and to the country and its people, with whom the King has chosen to share the honour?

It is one thing to make progress, stability and development into themes for the celebrations; it is quite another and more meaningful act to contribute to that progress and foster that stability.

It is one thing to express love, respect and appreciation for the King; it is quite a different thing to show that appreciation away from the eyes of the public, the cameras and the tape recorders, in the quiet often unglamorous surroundings of one's job, where only the individual himself will be aware of it and where, more often than not, only he will

We must learn to be accountable to ourselves. We must make guilt, not shame our deterrent.

Along with the public display there must be a turning inwards, a self-scrutiny. As Jordan looks over the achievements of the past twenty five years, what better time is there for stock-taking of the present and an imaginative exploration of what the future will be like, what it could be like if only we, King and country, make it so?

We have come a long way over the past twenty five years with a wise directing hand at the helm of the ship of state. Yet we still rank among the underdeveloped - - or to use a euphemism - - "the developing" countries of the world. The hand at the helm has charted the right course for us, yet it cannot lift the whole country by its bootstraps and with'a metaphysical leap land it on a new, magical shore.

There is a lot of down-to-earth, hard, plodding work to do. Progress is not given, it is achieved.

We need a more imaginative services sector, a more conscientious private sector and a trimmer more men of vision.

We need to stop running after easy profit and invest in more lasting enterprises that will spread the benefits to those around us and augment them for us

The civil servant, specially at the lower echelons. must learn to respect the citizen in his own right. There are many civil servants who have not transcended the mentality of the Ottoman era. There are many citizens who are only concerned with what their King and their government can do for them.

We must remember that in serving the King we are serving the people. What better tribute can we pay the King, what better way is there to show our appreciation for what he has done than to help him in his task?

What better way is there to celebrate his achievements than to help him make the coming twenty five years an occasion for celebration?

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Two Jordanian dailies commented in their Monday editorials on the presentation to His Majesty King Hussein of the Silver Jubilee flag, marking the beginning of celebrations on the occasion of the King's 25th

year at the country's helm.

AL RA'I, under the heading "The leader's humility and his confidence in the people" says that His Majesty's affirmation that what has been achieved so far as a nation has been the result of the people with him merely assuring its continuity, denotes the leader's humility. his way of thinking and the political pattern he adopts.

His loyalty to the people, the paper adds, is the main characteristic of his personality. A statement by any leader of his own loyalty to the people is easy to make, the paper says, but the facts reside in the achievements he's performed : The quarter century of responsibility which His Majesty has carried on his shoulders prove boldly his greate loyalty for the people. But loyalty to the people alone is not sufficient. the paper says, it should be accompanied by political wisdom and courageous decisions. Love for the people alone cannot feed them bread. His Majesty has always been the calm refuge during stormy events and the daring adventurer when challenged.

His Majesty's humility, the paper says in conclusion, makes us realise the meaning of self-

confidence and confirms our belief that His Majesty's leadership has always been the guarantor of our march.

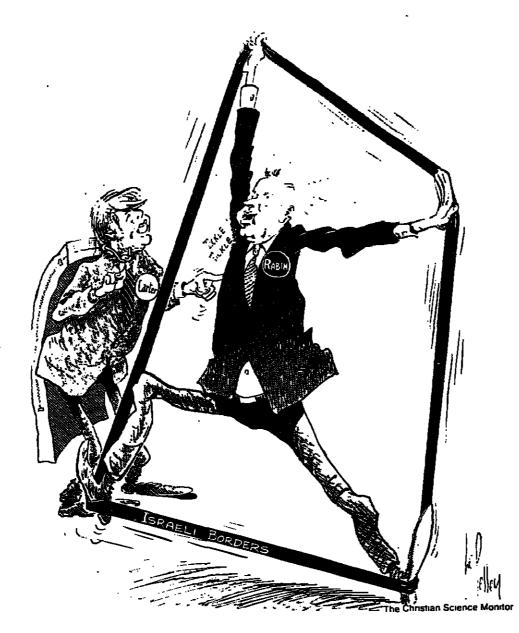
AL SHA'B, commenting on the same subject says that the hoisting of the Silver Jubilee flag alongside the national flag is a demonstration of Jordan's pride for its leader. "The flag". the paper says addressing His Majesty, "is a symbol of the love, gratitude and allegiance which we offer you, to enable us perhaps to repay you for all the good you have done for the

The Arab-language independent daily Al Quds, published a occupied Jerusalem, said Monday that Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat believes the United States can solve the Middle East dispute by supporting the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

In an editorial Al Quds said Mr. Arafat had given Egyptian President Anwar Sadat ideas on how to solve the Israeli-Arab conflict to give to President Carter when he visits the United States next month.

The newspaper said the PLO had started official communications with the U.S. administration "because President Carter showed the way by several times expressing ideas on a solution to the Palestinian issue including the need for a Palestinian homeland."

This is enough reason for us (Palestinians) to carry out an extended dialogue with the United States," it added.



'Now let's try to define what we mean by defensible borders.

Congress Party's political suicide brings India diversified coalition

which, though it has denied

the charges, is known as ext-

reme right-wing and committed

How soon the Jan Sangh re-

ligious bias will surface and what problems it will give to the unity of the front remain

to be seen. Many independent

observers say it will be soon

and considerable. As a party

it is the best organised of the

coalition members. Some of its

leaders will not walk willingly on the same side of the politi-

co-economic street with most

Socialists, and not on the same

side of any street with, say,

Ram is the Harijan (outcast)

leader who was Mrs. Gandhi's

minister for agriculture. He

broke away after the election

was called and formed his own

Congress for Democracy. As

the man said to be most res-

ponsible for the final defeat

of his erstwhile leader, and be-

cause of his considerable fol-

lowing in the country and now

in the newly elected Lok Sabha

(Lower House of Parliament)

Ram is waiting in the wings.

He confidently expects to be

in the centre of the stage very

But, apart from the accident

of his origins, which makes

him not exactly persona grata

with the Jan Sangh leadership,

Jagjivan Ram is not the fa-

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Mrs. Gandhi's downfall in India can be attributed to two things -- the state of emergency she slapped on the country when she decided that the democratic path would take up too much time for her to reach her goals, and the hated sterilisation programme brought in to try to curb India's population explosion. Her going, after 11 years as prime minister, effectively brings to an end the Nehru family dynasty which has rule India for most of the 30 years since independence.

LONDON. (Gemini) - Independent India has waited 30 years to change its government and may have to pay a heavy price for the delay.

Mrs. Indira Gandhi and what was left to her of the Congress Party committed electoral suicide having apparently lost touch with political realities during the long reign. No tears need to be shed for them. On the other hand there may well for the new rulers the Janata (People's) Front coalition, and for India itself.

The state of emergency under which Prime Minister Gandhi ruled in the last 19 months before calling this election, created the Janata coalition just as surely as it killed her popularity throughout urban India. But it was just possible that countrywide it might have spelled triumph instead of disas-

It was, after all, used to vigorously pursue all those efforts which international experts agreed India should pursue. Industrial peace, a mas-sive agricultural drive, rooting out of corruption and a general shake-uup of the notoriouslethargic public sector, a planned export programme, a successful attack on inflation were some of the achievements of the period.

Most of it could, of course. have been done without muzzling the press and imprisoning political opponents; but India may even have forgiven Mrs. Gandhi these unnecessary measures. Ironically, her real undoing was in using emergency powers to attempt what India most needed, or so almost everybody said -- control of its

The family planning programme changed course during the emergency and concentrated on the once-for-all method of sterilisation (by vasectomy and tubectomy) to the almost total negiect of other methods. The enthusiasm, to use Mrs. Gandhi's favourite word, for sterilisation made it virtually compulsory.

It was recognised as a clear attack on one of the most elementary of human rights and sustained a pervasive fear over the whole of the Congress Party's rural power base. It gave complete credibility to the martyrs of the Janata leadership when they emerged from prison and campaigned on their scars. In the end the Indian electorate voted with its heart - as it has done before, only this time the heart was in another place.

But victory does not make a coherence of the coalition. The Janata Front is made up of four main groups -- the Opposition Congress, which defected years ago and remains under that spritely octogenarian, former Deputy Prime Minister Morarji Desai; the Socialist Party; the Indian Peoples Party and the Jan Sangh

Both Ram and Desai are committed to secularism which puts them on the same side against Jan Sangh views on the future of India; but there is no love lost between the two personally. Some years ago Morarji Desai

resolutely opposed the election of Jagjivan Ram to the presidency of the Congress Party. He has since given his reasons in his autobiography. Among other things, he says, Jagjivan Ram had not declared his income for years and, he argues, such a person should not have been in the cabinet.

The numerous political, personal, economic and ideological differences, within the front and with its allie against Mrs. Gandhi, will not surface for some time. Meanwhile the new healthy stockpile of both grain

In the recent past, thanks very little to the emergency, India has built up embarrassingly large surpluses of both food and foreign exchange reserves. In fact the two problems of how to store the food and how to spend the money, will have to be tackled urgently by the new government. The most disturbing feature

of India, however, after Mrs. Gandhi's latterly repressive regime, could be a government unwilling to exert any kind of authority. Such would be a climate ripe for fragmentation. Indira Gandhi was criticised for her iron glove as well as for the soft hand she had in it. The new leadership might still have need for the glove. There could well be an iron fist in it. sooner rather than later. The big question is: Whose?

ECONOSCOPE

Twenty five years of

Since August 11, 1952, Jordan has come a long way and has experienced everything. She has lived through moments of laughs and tears wins and losses, prosperity and scarcity, friendship and hostility, etc... In other words, Jordan has lived through everything that makes life worth living.

Yet, comparative statics is not the best way to analyse Jordan's economic performance. We can not take a certain point in time, compare it with another point of time, and then judge its performance. The picture is much more dynamic.

What makes still life or cross-sectional comparisons rather naive in Jordan's case is that the truths derived from them do not last except for short periods. Generalisations only hold long enough to be discovered.

Despite this warning, one still finds certain steady trends in the Jordanian economy. It is these trends which can be used as indicators to judge its performance.

The most glaring indicator is Jordan's political stability - - particularly internally. Despite three wars in the area, their aftermath, and a host of other less drastic events. Jordan was able to maintain its poise and solidarity. His Majesty is the most senior Arab leader despite his youthful age.

Causes of economic instability were always present. These can be weather, rain, wars, aid, international currency

fluctuations, etc. Despite all those chi lenges, Jordan has passed the Toynb test. Its record of economic achieveme is more than worth admiring.

The third point which merits atte tion is the existence of an influent middle class. The size of this class. the real test of democratic choice, a not the existence of warring parti-The size of the class is one of the ra fixed parametres in the Jordanian d tribution picture, but not the peor who compose it. Climbing up and dor the income ladder is a free choi which is mainly determined by invidual choices, and not by aggrega

Despite the internal and continuo locomotion, Jordan manages to matain a serene surface. The harmonic tion of opposite forces which are m tured by relative scarcity has nev distorted to any appreciable degree t over-all social and economic balance Sure there were certain furies, but th were always the exceptions which improved the soil and did not erode it.

Jordan is like Japan in its defian. of established economic rules. But v make it here, and seem to continue

The basic fact which must be learn about Jordan is that it is an economy entrepreneurs who make big from sm: The Silver Jubilee is a celebration the entrepreneurial spirit in a wor where it is badly needed.

Brazil determines to become a major world power this century

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CSM). Brazil's decision to cancel its 25-year-old military assis-tance treaty with the United States must be viewed against that country's determination to become one of the world's major powers before the end of the century.

The immediate reason for the cancellation is an escalating dispute between Washington and Brasilia over alleged human rights' violations in Brazil. But behind this official explanation lies a clear Brazilian intent not to be tied to Washington as a client state.

This attitude is evident in other areas. Brazil recently rebuffed visiting U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, who sought changes in a two-year-old West German-Brazilian agreement for construction of two sephisticated nuclear reactors with weapons-making potential. The Christopher effort was

randed an "affront" and terference" in internal Brazilian affairs. There is the same reaction to a U.S. congressional requirement that the department of state report on human rights in all countries receiving U.S. aid -- the reason for the cancellation of mutual assistance pact.

Beyord the immediate Brazilian pique over these U.S. actions, however, is a longstanding determination not only to be master in its own house, but also to flex its muscle elsewhere and exercise a degree of hemispher hege-

And since 1964, under successive military governments, Brazil has effectively articulated a policy of political and economic clout throughout the world as well.

Chief spokesman for this policy currently is Gen. Golbery do Couto e Silva, a top adviser of President Ernesto

Geisel and a man regarded as leader of the intellectuals in Brazil's army .-One of his books, Geopoli-

tica do Brasil, argues that Brazil's dominant geographical position in South America and along the South Atlantic Ocean makes it a prime factor in the politics of both South America and Africa. Maps in the book, which accord Brazil a central position in the world, are often reprinted.

The Golbery thesis is widely accepted in Brazil. Military men, intellectuals, businessmen, and others articulate it in both word and action. The nation's economic mus-

cle is the backbone of the current effort. With a favourable growth rate (throughout the late 1960s and early 1970s, 10 per cent or more a year) and with expanding agricultural and industrial productivity, Brazil has become the economic leader of the hemis

There are economic problems, including the pitiably poor showing of millions of Brazilians on the fringes of the economy and the country's failure so far to discover oil. But these problems have not stopped Brazilians from displaying their political clout and their economic muscle. Some of the ingredients of this trend:

-- Brazil was one of the first countries to recognise the Moscow-backed regime, Popular Movement for Liberation of Angola -- this despite the staunch anticom-munist posture on the part of the Brazilian generals.

The Angola recognition represents clear evidence of Brazil's determination to play a role in Africa and also possibly to ensure some Angolan oil to relieve its own shortage:

of aid programmes through Latin America, establishin political and economic ence throughout the re [1] In such neighbouring land Bolivia and Paraguay, B. lian aid technicians are (ing a wide variety of progmes aimed at proping up . economies of these lands making them somewhat de

- Not to be outdone, zil's businessmen are ma their mark felt throughou 2001 1114 hemisphere. The largest to the an ings in the capitals of Bolivia and Paraguay b to the Banco do Brasil, much of new construction in the first both countries is Brazilia

dent on Brazil

Brazil has taken a s at Argentina, its one big in South America, with struction of the Itaipu along the Parana River ween Brazil and Paras objections that dam will deprive Argentin Parana waters ignored by Brazil.

Similarly, Brazil recently nounced plans to constru port capable of handling st tankers in Rio Grande do Province in Brazil's south move worrying Arger whose major port, I Aires, cannot handle large ships.

-- Brazilian-made mach and vehicles are being exed in growing quantities. V wagens constructed in p in Sao Paulo are exporte Iran, to the Far East, and where: armoured cars is sold to Libya and other c tries are establishing Braz a factor in the world arms and Petrobras, the Braz state oil monopoly, is sig contracts in Iraq, Iran, L and other countries for

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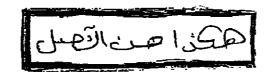
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ubilee flag raised o start celebrations

IN (Agencies). -- Schoolm Sunday hoisted a spedesigned flag over the of the royal palaces in n to usher in the begin-if celebrations marking ajesty King Hussein's 25 on the throne.

Silver Jubilee flag reprethe boom in agriculture, action and industry du-e past quarter of a cent was hoisted over the in Palace, built by the King Abdullah, 1's grandfather.

1:30 a.m. a loud roar of e was heard announcing jesty's arrival. The band the national anthem and lajesty inspected the of honour with the Com--in-Chief of the Jorda-

ALT-SHOUNEH OAD CLOSED

... IN (JNA). — The Deant of Public Security announced that traffic 2 Salt-Shouneh road opped on Sunday until notice because of ro-

ers travelling between. n and the Jordan Vare advised to use the tha or Na'ur roads.

nian Armed Forces, Lt.-Gen. Zeid Ibn Shaker.

Prime Minister Mudar Badran then presented His Majesty with the jubilee flag in the name of the people. The flag. at an order from the King, was hoisted side by side with His

Jum'a briefs Syrian P.M. on talks

DAMASCUS, March 28 (JNA). - Syrian Prime Minister Maj.-Gen. Abdul Rahman Khleifawi was briefed today by Jordanian Minister of Agriculture Salah Jum'a, Under-Secretary Salah Ghzawi and the Syrian Minister of Agriculture and Agricultural Reform Ahmad Qabaln on the results of their talks on cooperation and coordination in the field of agriculture.

Maj.-Gen. Khleifawi stressed the need for speeding up the integration process in the field of agriculture and the development of cooperation in all aspects of this field.

Mr. Jum'a, accompanied by his Syrian counterpart, visited the town of Quneitra this morning and saw the effects of its destruction by Israeli forces before they withdrew in 1974.

Majesty's flag. The guard of honour saluted it.

The band played jubilee tunes and a number of children released white doves and scattered roses around His Majesty, who then left for the court hall, after being greeted by the guard of honour.

At the hall, His Majesty was congratulated by Mr. Badran and his ministers.

Next to offer their congratulations to His Majesty were the speaker of the Upper House, former prime ministers, members of parliament, the chief qadi, Amman's governor and mayor, Christian and Moslem men of religion, Arab and foreign diplomats, district governors, heads of government de-partments and organisations, heads of private organisatios, the presidents of the two uni-versity, bank managers, lawy-ers, doctors, chemists, company directors, tribal and village sheikhs and representatives of Palestinian refugees, newspapers, women's associations, charity organisations, the Chambers of Industry and Commerce, trade unions, teachers, uni-versity and school students and girl and boy scouts.

The celebration was also attended by Mr. Nelson Rockefeller, former U.S. Vice Presid-

The celebrations, which will last nine months, will reach their climax on Aug. II -- the anniversary of King Hussein's accession to the thro-

Beethoven: What he means to Amman's music lovers

Beethoven -- the great, the incomparable composer, who is always loved imired... Amman celebrated his glory at the Soviet Cultural Centre Sunday g with a piano recital -- under the patronage of Minister of Culture Sharif az Sharaf - - given by a German artist, Mr. Roland Brettshneider. The concert rganised by the Jordanian-East German Friendship Society to commemorate 0th anniversary of his death.

In art, a top composer rarely enjoys such wide popularity. Sometimes people now just a few of his musical compositions, but they feel as if they know work. Others may be "Beethovenophil", and think they must discover him

The Jordan Times has sounded out those who attended the concert to find hat Beethoven means to them these days.

ly Irene Ramadan il to the Jordan Times

? FAWWAZ SHARAF c of Culture

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IQUE CHARPY Ambassador

h I don't like roman-I appreciate and ad-Beethoven. He masters rical style. That is what about him. I am impresy his classiccism or, if ant, his way of control-

ling the impetuous feelings. My wife and I -- both of us play the harpsichord -- never fail to attend a good concert.

HERRERT REISENWERER

Director of the East German Cultural Centre in Damascus.

Of course Beethoven means a lot to me. His human feelings are so deeply implanted in his music that it is very near to my heart. I am happy that there have been concerts and lectures in every town and small village in my Republic to commemorate the 150th anniversary of his death. The head of our state is chairman of the Beethoven Committee.

FARIDA MOUBAYDI

Beethoven is the music. The eternal music. The life. And

personally I live in his music I have 24 records of his works and I am never tired of hear-

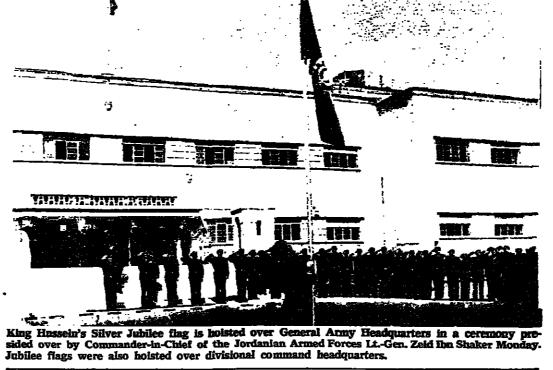
SAID HADDADIN

Painter and sculptor

Beethoven is everything. The life, the strength, the virility, the greatness. I think that he has shared in making the German people important. His music is deep and dramatic. I am a fan of his symphonies.

KHALED FARES MOUFLEH

Beethoven is the genius of the music. One does not need to learn a lot to understand him. His musical message co mes straight to you, but also you have to discover it deeply to reach all its meaning.



EDUCATION DELEGATION **VISITS W. BANK** INSTITUTES

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM -March 28 (R). - The East Jerusalem Àrabic newspaper Al Anba' said today the first official delegation from the Jordanian Ministry of Education had visited teacher training centres operated by the Israeli military govern-ment in the occupied West

Al Anba', which is supported by the Israeli govern-ment, said it was the first Jordanian delegation such with official sanction from Amman to visit the West

The paper's Nablus correspondent said that mem-bers of the delegation had expressed satisfaction with the standard of teaching after the visit last week.

The Jordanian delegation included Mr. Ahmed Osman. Director of the Teacher Training Centre in Amman, and Dr. Nagiba Falah, one of its supervisors.

place in the Canary Islands.

Khairallah Jarrah.

Independence Day.

NATIONAL

* AMMAN. - His Majesty King Hussein sent a cable of condo-

lences Monday to Queen Juliana of the Netherlands and U.S.

* AMMAN. — His Majesty King Hussein Monday delegated the Chief Chamberlain, Prince Raad Ibn Zeid, to present his condo-

lences to the Al Jarrah family on the death of retired Brig.

* AMMAN. — The President of Yarmouk University, Dr. Adnan

Badran, received the West German cultural attache in Amman

* AMMAN. — Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim received the Turkish and North Yemeni ambassadors to Jordan Monday.

* AMMAN. — The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities will sup-

ply the Union of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce with two films

and slides on tourism for display at "Jordan Night", which the Union will hold in Paris on May 25 on the occasion of Army and

* AMMAN. — The role of Arab chambers of industry in achieving

Arab industrial integration was the topic of discussion Monday between the director of Amman Chamber of Industry and the

visiting secretary general of the Arab Economic Unity Council.

Monday and discussed with him bilateral cultural cooperation.

Rockefeller considers investing in Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.). — Fodmer U.S. Vice President Nelson Rockefeller is considering investing here after a six-day visit to Jordan and the occupied West

He could not commit himself, he told the Jordan Times Sunday, but did say that during his talks with Prince Hassan he had discussed Jordan's development projects, and in particular the Jordan Valley irrigation schemes and possible governmental and private investment.

During his stay in the West Bank, Mr. Rockefeller visited the mayor of Bethlehem to look over a plan prepared by the municipality to improve the city centre.

On a previous visit to Bethlehem, he had donated \$100,000 to draw up such a plan.

Mr. Rockefeller said that his visit was purely private and

NOTES

Following are the official ex-change rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of

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be considered tourists visiting

He was extremely happy to

The former vice president

met His Majesty King Hussein

at Raghdan Palace Sunday be-

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Prince Hassan suggests higher health council

AMMAN (JNA). - The establishment of a higher health council was discussed in a seminar presided over by Prince Hassan at the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) Sunday.

The seminar was attended by the deputy ministers of health

Joint planning Tuesday place

AMMAN (JNA). — The technical committee of the Joint Jordanian-Syrian Committee for Planning and Development will hold a three-day meeting at the National Planning Council here Tuesday.

It will review the work of

sub-committee formed by the technical committee. Jordan will be represented by a team led by Secretary Ge-neral of the National Planning Council Dr. Taysir Abdul Jaber

and the Syrian side by a dele-gation headed by Under Secre-tary at the Ministry of Planning Dr. Mohammed Riad Al Abrash, who will arrive in Amman Tuesday.

Trade day held in Cairo

CAIRO, March 28 (JNA). - A special day for the Jordanian-Syrian trade pavilion at Cairo International Fair was held here tonight. The Jordanian Ambassador

in Cairo, Mr. Zougan Al Hindawi, and Syria's representative here Mr. Ahmad Hassan Al As'ad, gave a reception at the pavilion which was attended by the Egyptian minister of com-merce and supply, heads of the diplomatic corps and a number of Syrian and Jordanian nationals in Cairo.

A group of girls wore Syrian and Jordanian national costumes, while Jordanian and Syrian songs were broadcast.

and labour, the director of the Royal Medical Services, the presidents of the Medical and Pharmaceutical Associations, the secretary general of the National Planning Council, directors of public and private hos-pitals and a number of econo-

In an opening speech, Prince Hassan explained Jordan's need for a health council covering all parts of the country and providing better health care for all people.

Prince Hassan pointed out that no comprehensive plan for the Health sector in Jordan had been laid down in the threeyear or five-year development plans due to incomplete stu-

"It is time to draw up an all embracing plan for the medical service that will cope with our needs in the field of medical and preventive treatment," the Crown Prince added.

He spelled out his thoughts about the formation of a high-er health council entrusted with implementing improving, and supervising health operations. He suggested that those authorities concerned, such as the Health Ministry, the health services, the private sector, the Budget Department, trade un-ions, the education ministry and the Labour Department should take part.

He hoped that a complete medical plan could be drawn up within a short time. The government, he said, will give it all-out support and consider it a part of Jordan's development plan.

Other speakers, including deputy Health Minister Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh, took the view that the setting up of the council was necessary for bolstering and organising the health sector in the country.

The conferees also debated the subject of enacting a law aimed at protecting people against imported radio-active materials, which should kept in safe places.

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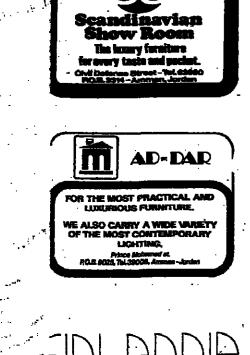
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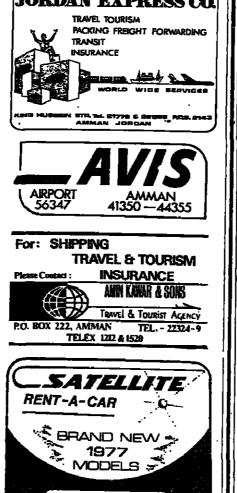
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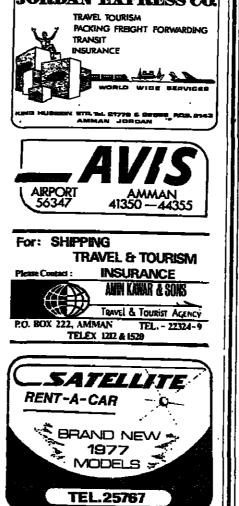
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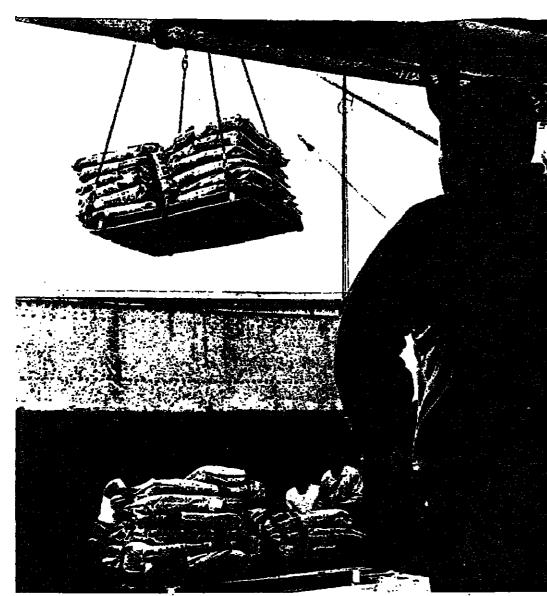








Stevedores face unemployment due to highly automated shipping systems



Stevedores are becoming fewer and fewer as machines take their jobs.

New shipping systems with names that sound like bellydancers -- ro-ro and lo-lo for example -- are saving time and money. But they are also putting men out of work.

LONDON, (F.T.) — The re-volution in the movement of goods by sea is causing dramatic changes in the fortunes of various seaports around the world, bringing sudden prosperity for some and near-dis-aster for others.

There are three key factors in the changing technology --the container, the roll-on/roll-off (ro-ro) systems, and the lifton/lift-off (lo-lo). Between them they have

changed the entire pattern of cargo distribution -- a process which is still going on. They can bring severe social prob-lems in their wake because as shipping turns to such methods it means money -- in the form of machinery -- replacing men. of machinery -- replacing men.

The container, in conjunction with highly-automated heavy lifting equipment, has reduced the need for dock labour from dozens of men per ship to a mere handful. A general cargo being loaded piecemeal under the old system by small cranes and slines. by small cranes and slings might take, say, a week or ten days to handle. The same job can be done today in a single shift at a container

On the short sea routes like those between Britain and the Continent lo-lo operators, such as Bell Line, can handle an entire shipload of up to 160 containers, each holding up to 20 tonnes of cargo, in eight

The whole shipload would need only three men -- two gantry-cum-dockside crane ope-

nating the operation. Once unloaded. the containers are moved by the travelling crane direct to a lorry trailer or rail flatcar and sent on their way.

The ro-ro system is equally simple. The lorry load is driven aboard purpose-built ships, which are in effect huge mobile garages, and driven off at the other end.

If the loads are accompanied by a driver he relaxes in a well-equipped lounge or restaurant. If unaccompanied, the trailer is driven aboard by a dock worker using a mechani-cal "horse", driven off at its destination, where another driver with a tractor unit is waiting to haul it away. The only other labour needed is possibly for lashing in bad weather, or on longer trips.

The industry had to be automated because soaring labour costs made the use of a large labour force increasingly un-economical. Automation was also given a big boost by the rise in operating costs caused by the fuel crisis.

The latest country to join the container revolution is South Africa, even though dock south Africa, even though dock labour rates -- about \$9.20 (£5.50) per shift -- are still low by world standards. In the biggest single operation yet mounted anywhere in the world, the whole of the Europe-South Africa trade is to be seen South Africa trade is to be containerised, starting in a year's

time.

Terminal construction, handling equipment, and the necessary road-rail transport, plus a fleet of new container ships, will cost the participants together about \$2.3 billion (£1.3 billion). But it will move a cargo from Birmingham, England, to Johannesburg in a maximum time of 30 days, compared with as much as three pared with as much as three months under the conventional

Even though some general cargo will still move the old way, stevedoring gangs will be cut down, creating more un-employment for Black labour-ers to add to the already high rate. One Cape Town stevedoring firm alone predicts 700 redundancies in a force of

1,700 this year.
On the North American continent, where containerisation was pioneered, the dock labour force has been slashed by half in recent years. More could be cut were it not for union resistance.

But while only a handful of men can now work a ship, this has brought its own problems as workers become aware of their bargaining power. A mecost as much as \$20,000 a day to operate, with interest charges. Go-slows can thus bring enormous pressure to bear on

An outstanding example is the port of Halifax, Nova Scotia. In the past seven years it has grown from a fairly small general cargo port to what was Canada's largest container port. But go-slow' working last year drove more more stable. Miles of river and more ships away from the port, cluminating in a lockout by employers.

Many operators turned to Saint John, New Brunswick, which has also enjoyed specta-cular growth in the past two years, as it is much closer to the U.S. East Coast and Midwest, which are the destina-tions for much of Canada's maritime ports' traffic.

ling of large loads.

But Saint John also became idle a few months ago, and now there are fears that both ports could decline as shipowners move their trade to more reliable ports on the East Coast of America.

This situation arose fairly early in Britain, where London dockers strongly resisted - the new technology. Now the port of London has lost its former leadership in Europe to Rotter-

dam, where labour is much

wharves as far as Tower Bridge lie empty. Their jobs have been taken over by the container port at Tilbury, at the mouth of the Thames

These twin cranes have been installed on modern cargo vessels for fast and accurate hand-

Liverpool at first took great advantage of the container boom, then a couple of years ago its activity died away though labour trouble. Union; then signed a "no strike" agree-ment, and the port is picking up again. There are now effort to get a similar pact in th

Port of London. Meanwhile, those countries new dock automation are being forced towards it by the pressure of events. They find it harder to get general cargo berths at their ports of destination in Europe and North America, with resultant costly

delays. Also their general cargo ships are getting old, and it is cheaper to replace them with

Canadians are benefitting from inflation

they'll buy."

new "third generation" tainer ships. One containship replaces seven convitional cargo ships, and can crewed by only a handful specialists. On many, the ships of the contains of the engines can be handled frthe bridge, with the engroom actually unmanned dur

the night.

The new technology all enables poorer countries will minimal harbour facilities jump straight into the 2 century and solve chronic c : gestion problems.

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In this race ahead, ms ! countries may find that hurproblems will snowball, be

French electronic industries merge to gain ground against U.S. competition

.. The powerhouse of the French export drive is in electronics, electrical equipment, turbine generators and nuclear power. Its leaders in these fields are now linking hands through mergers and other measures to attack their American rivals where it hurts most.

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PARIS, (F.T.) - The French electronics industry, which ranks second in the international export league, and its electrical equipment manufacturers, who occupy third place, are fighting hard to safeguard and consolidate their positions

against United States competi-

France outdistances Britain, West Germany and Japan in electronics sales, but its market is only one-fifth of the Americans. In electrical equipment it enjoys a 15 per cent share of

as foreign currency earners, the French are challenging the Americans in markets which

the U.S. has long regarded as its private preserve. The results are shown in French export figures. They jumped by 22 per cent during the first eight months of 1976. To put muscle into this sales

drive, the French government has sponsored wide-ranging mergers among major manufacturers during recent months.

exports, compared with 23 per

cent for West Germany and 20 per cent for the United States.

A giant producer of turbine generators has been created by uniting Alsthom, Chantiers l'Atlantique and a major section of Compagine Electro-Mecanique. They will have the monopoly in supplying France's export markets with turbine generators. Their annual turnover will be of the order of £1,500 million (\$2,565 million).

The nuclear power industry becomes the exclusive property of Creusot-Loire. Its objective is to attract foreign customers for fast-breeder reactors which produce more fuel than they consume. This is a technology which the United States government considers still fraught with dangers to the environ-

But the French have already built a pilot reactor called Phenix, with an output of 500 megawatts: They are now constructing a 1,2000 megawatt Super-Phenix on the River Rohne near Lyons.

There is a growing likeli-hood that the United States will buy their fast breeder reactors from France because of U.S. government reluctance to push ahead with research in this perilous area. Bechtel, a leading U.S. nuclear engineering firm, has expressed interest in buying the French licence.

So has Combustion Engineering, one of the U.S.'s four sup-pliers of light-water reactors. Joseph Dietrich, the firm's chief scientist, says: "No doubt design changes would be needed. But I expect French ex-perience would be applicable in the U.S., and that's the kind of experience we need."

While they mount their assault of American markets, the French are stoutly defending their own against counterattacks from the U.S.

M. Norbert Segard, the French Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, recently accused International Telephone and Telegraph (IIT) of trying to push its French sub-

sidiary, Compagnie Generale de Construction Telephonique, out of export markets -- to the advantage of ITT equipment Aware of the value of elec-tronics and electrical hardware made in the United States and

> This crisis has prompted Bell to order its Western Electric Manufacturing subsidiary to dismiss 30,000 workers.

M. Segard is uneasy over this situation. It could focus American priorities on telecommunications markets which, he estimates, will increase from their present world level of \$20 billion (£12,250 million) a year to between \$30 billion (£18,375 million) and \$40 billion (£25,500 million) by 1980. The injection of French gov-

try is making American manufacturers envious. Over 135 billion francs (\$17 billion) have been earmarked to support a series of mergers this year which have made Thomson-CSF the undisputed master of the industry. France, which has long

suffered from a domestic short-age of telephones, is pushing ahead with a programme to triple the 8 million lines now installed, by 1980. But if attractive export contracts appear, supplies of telephones for the home market may have to

The French are making in-roads in the United States with their own telephone systems. During a recent transat-lantic visit M. Segard inaugurated telecommunications installations in New York, by France's Compagnie Generale d'Electricite (CGE) and by the Thomson subsidiary LMT in

CGE's CIT-Alcatel subsidiary has obtained an order from the U.S. microwave communications firm for five electronic telephone exchanges worth \$20 million.

The French give less publicity to their efforts to boost exports of electronic equipment for military purposes. These cover radar, weapons systems and counter-measure devices for fooling the enemy. But products of this type provide work for an ever-increasing proportion of the electronic and electrical industries' labour force. This has increased fivefold from under 100,000 to almost 500,000 over the past half-century.

Growth for this sector of the economy in 1977 is likely to be lower than the 8.5 per cent improvement recorded in 1976. Before the world crisis generated by the Middle East war of 1973 the rate of expansion was 10 per cent



LONDON, (F.T.) — The most important topic of conversation in Canada recently almost certainly has been the left knee of Bobby Oπ, idolised defence-man of the National Ice Hockey League. After five operations that scarred knee may mean the end of the Canadian star's 11-year ice hockey career.

Quebec partition comes a pretty poor second, while inf-lation, the curse and ever-present worry for European countries and most others, lies down towards the bottom of the list.

The reason is that for average, casual-spending Canadians, inflation as most other countries experience it, simply does not exist. Certainly according to official figures the cost of living rose by 5.8 per cent over 1976 -- itself a tribute to the Canadian gov-ernment's anti-inflation programme which set out to trim inflation below 8 per cent for the year. Meanwhile, estimates of economic growth for 1977 vary from 3 per cent to 4 per

Finance Minister Donald S. Macdonald considers growth rate unsatisfactory, aithough many other countries would breathe a sigh of relief if they could attain figures like that. Certainly the Canadian gov-

ernments, both federal and provincial, have problems. They worry that inflation may swell: they worry about balance of trade problems; they worry most of all about the 7.5 per cent unemployment rate, or nearly 900,000. largely in the traditionally slow growth areas. But against those figures must be set an economic growth in 1976 approaching 5 per cent

with output per man rising by 2 per cent. Most important, real wages increased on average by more than 4 per cent. It is this last figure that sets standard by which Canadians gauge their lifestyle and, in turn, the success of their governments. The plain

world where its inhabitants are actually better off under inf-

enjoys an indexed tax system which links personal exemp-tions and tax brackets to rises in the consumer price index. Briefly, that means that if

The reason is simple: Canada

lation.

a worker gets a rise to com-pensate for a rise in the cost of living he does not get pushed into a higher tax bracket, while higher allowances give him more real financial benefit. Last year was really a good

one in most respects for North Americans. All crops were good and the only food price rises to sting seriously were in cof-fee and cocoa. While most foods are expected to go up this year, most of the staple foods are considerably less than in Europe -- rump steak is around 80p a lb, potatoes about 6p a lb.

A good American car costs, new, less than half the average annual salary. A Pontiac Grand Prix at the '77 Motor Show was offered for around \$6,500. Imported cars, including Japanese and European small models, are expensive by comparison. Admittedly, other prices crept

up but while they affected the index, their impact on the average pocket was marginal. On the other hand taxes are lower this year than last, because personal exemptions are up. The corporate tax rate at 46

per cent remains at the 1976 level -- 1 per cent down on 1975 -- while personal tax brackets along with personal exemptions were increased by 8.6 per cent. So most Canadians feel a little extra cash in their pockets this year.

For 1977 the basic personal exemption was increased by \$180 to \$2,270. The married exemption increased by \$160 to \$1,990 and children's allowances rose by \$40 to \$430 for under-16s or \$780 for over-16s -- a \$60 jump.

So a married man with no children would earn \$4,260 before paying any tax at all -- as against \$3,920 in 1976. The total package cost the federal government about \$950 million -- but, as the Canadians I spoke to said: "That's their worry, we're only concerned with the bucks in our pockets and what

As to what those dollars will buy, take an ideal example: 26-year-old Rod Duncan and his brand new wife, Sheila. He was offered a job in Toronto, Ontario, by his British firm a month after he got married. Rod and Sheila had been living in part-furnished rooms near London and could see little hope of improving their lives, even with Sheila working in a bank. So they left for Canada on Jan. 10, 1976.

His starting salary was \$14,000 a year and the couple left England with just £100 --\$170 -- in their piggy-bank. Sheila got a job almost immediately in a bank and the pair started from there.

During 1976 Rod paid a total of \$2907 tax on his \$13,720 salary over 51 weeks. He also paid \$135 into the Canada Pension Plan and \$165 in unemployment insurance. There were other incidentals like the Ontario Health Insurance Plan but Rod got \$395 net every two weeks.

Over the same year he paid \$237 per month for a superb apartment with balcony and picture windows in a Toronto suburb near his work. A stove and refigerator were included as was electricity, gas, heating and water. There was a laundrette in the basement.

He bought a two-year-old Pontiac Grand Prix, but that was just about vital in Canada and was the only debt the couple took on. Furniture they bought for cash as they saved

apartment completely furnish down to T.V. and hi-fi. Tlhave had two holidays Canada, are going to Cayman Islands and are turning to England for two

three weeks in September. Canada does have its pr lems. The federal governm from which it imports betw 70 per cent and 75 per c of its goods while export only about 65 per cent of own in return. So, while it no longer true that if the UKWO in general Canada can of ZIE

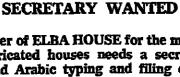
Meanwhile trade with U.K. and Common Market co tries shows a steady and qu rapid decline.

In 1938 Canadian trade w Britain accounted for 31 cent. By 1974 the compara figure was 5 per cent. corresponding figures for EEC countries including Bri were 26 per cent and 11 cent. Thus Canada looks becoming more and more pendent on her southern ne

The high unemployment ures are also serious. My Canadian employers face W costs than American comp tors and, as in Europe, plant in many sectors is unto utilised. That in turn holds b investment plans. But the fel ral government is convin that as inflation continues fall investment will rise and unemployment figure will dr

Meanwhile the aver, Canadian lets the governm do the worrying. That, he s what it is paid and elec for Protected against inflat. and with as good, if not a t ter, standard of living even the U.S. enjoys, he never had it so good.

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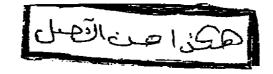
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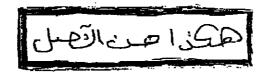
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he contract at both les was four hearts, and each case West led the

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queen of diamonds. At the first table, declarer covered with the king. East won the ace and shifted to a spade.

The defenders collected two spade tricks and, though declarer got a club discard on the jack of diamonds, he still had to concede a club trick for down one.

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my at trick one, declarer virtually guaranteed the con-

East allowed the diamond queen to win, and declarer later took a ruffing finesse

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the queen of diamonds with the ace and shift to spades. True the defenders would have scored two spade tricks

and a diamond, but they -would not have gotten a club trick. Dummy's king-jack of diamonds would have taken care of two of declarer's low clubs.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

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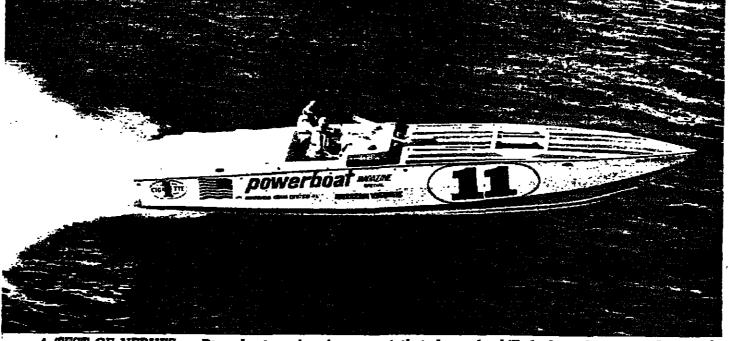
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Answer: They don't enjoy balls, presumably— MOTHS

THE PAGE FIVE FEATURE PHOTO



A TEST OF NERVES -- Powerboat racing is a sport that demands skill, body endurance and tons of

To know a powerboat racer is to know someone who can tell you what it's like to be thrown into the ocean -- usually without much warning.

Most five-ton off-shore powerboats measure between 35 and 39 feet long, are wide enough to carry a crew of three side by side; cost about \$80,000, and are generally driven by two 600-horsepower engines. They also have hydraulic steering, gulp aviation gasoline and, when everything is going right, can maintain speeds of around 85 m.p.h.

With no way to learn, except to take the wheel yourself, drivers are basically self-taught. Even though many veteran drivers are willing to share their know-how, you can't tell a person how a boat should feel coming out of the water, going back into the water, or at the precise moment the engines should be babied.Standard racing equipment for crew members consists of helmets with face masks, jump suits, life jackets that won't ride up, plus shoes or sneakers with super traction. Because of the noise of the engines, crew members can communicate only through the radio equipment in their helmets. Most powerboat drivers stay in the game for only a few years, partly because of the huge costs, but mostly because of the pressure and frustrations.

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whatever has been left undone. You have an opportunity now to show off your special capabilities and receive the recognition you truly deserve. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Contact influential persons

and express your finest talents to best advantage. Try not to let anything get you down. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Plan a better course for the future that will include greater abundance. Avoid one

who has an eye on your assets. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Come to a better working arrangement with associates so you have greater

mutual benefits. Obtain the data you need. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Put that plan to work that will help you have a greater income in the

future. Consult expert for advice you need. LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Study your appearance and take steps to improve it in some way. A business expert can be of great assistance to you at this time.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Make long-range plans that will could bring greater income in the future. Take treatments that will improve your appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Handle important business duties before engaging in social activities. Show wisdom in monetary affairs. Show more devotion to mate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Find the right appliances that will improve your work. Don't neglect to handle any obligations of a public nature. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) New contacts can

be helpful to you at this time. Make preparations that can produce greater abundance in the future. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Contact right

persons who can help you in your line of endeavor. Don't take mate for granted or you could regret it. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Show your associates

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Come to a better understanding with co-workers.

THE BETTER HALF. By Barnes

Don't be too surprised if you see a few of his footprints in there."

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THE FLINTSTONES WHAT DO YOU EVER DO TO KEEP YOUR PLANTS SO





Thai rebel leaders to be put on trial

BANGKOK, March 28 (AFP). ---Thailand's Minister of Defence Adm. Sangad Chaloryu announced here that the five leaders of an abortive coupattempt Saturday will face a court martial for rebellion.

If convicted, the five -- Gen. Chalad Hiranyasiri, his son Maj. Asvin Hiranyasiri, close aide Col. Sanan Kachornprasat, Bunlert Kaewprasit and Visit Khongprasdist, may receive the maximum penalty of death.

"We will act swiftly to bring the five to trial," Adm. Sangad told the press.

The mutineers are in military custody after originally being allowed to seek asylum by the government which sought to free two high-ranking military hostages taken by the group.

Neither Taiwan nor any other

Asian country would accept them, diplomatic sources dis-

Gen. Prasert Thammasiri, who along with Gen. Pralong Virapri was seized by the rebels, is recuperating in a Bangkok hospital from the effects of the ordeal.

One man, Gen. Thavathasin, Commander of the First Regional Army, was killed when he refused to join the coup. Gen. Arun's wife said officers close to her deceased husband said Gen. Chalad was personally responsible for the murder.

One reliable source within the army told AFP Gen. Chalad fired two magazines of 11 mm. bullets at non-vital parts of the commander's body in a final, futile attempt to torture him into throwing in with the coup

Ethiopians repulsed in bid to retake key town,

guerrilla forces five days ago, the Eritrean People's Liberation

The front is a splinter-group of the Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF) which has been waging secessionist rebellion against Ethiopian, rule in the Red Sea province since 1962.

An EPLF communique said 4,000 Ethiopian troops using tanks, heavy artillery and armoured cars and backed by fighter planes launched a counter-attack on Nakfa from Keren,

mid-way between Asmara, the provincial capital and Nakfa, which lies 100 kms south of the border with Sudan.

EPLF forces launched a "ferocious" attack on the Ethiopian column as it tried to cross the Anseba River, killing 600 men.

Meanwhile, Annesty International, the London-based organisation which fights for the rights of political prisoners today gave the U.S. Congress documents detailing alleged human rights violations in Ethiopia where it says 8,000 men, women and children are imprisoned for political reasons.

ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS NEWS

By Blanca Camprubi

NEW YORK, March 28 (AFP).

— Neither favourable economic indicators nor the advent of the Carter administration have sufficed to bolster the New York stock market, down 75 points since the beginning of the year. Last week the Dow Jones Industrial Index tumbled 32.16

points to close at 928.86 its Steepest drop since the week ending Dec. 5, 1975 when it fell 41.87 points.

Analysts attributed the selling to fears of renewed inflationary pressures and the possibility of higher interest rates. But the predictions by some economists that the prime rate will rise sharply by the year's end could also be taken as an indication of mounting capital

ISRAELI CURRENCY DEBT RISES 22%

TEL AVIV, March 28 (R). -Israel's foreign currency debt rose by 22 per cent last year to \$9.3 billion, the Ministry of Finance's Foreign Currency Division announced yesterday. It said that one-third of the debt was to the United States and the bulk of the total was in long-term and low-interest

Tourism last year brought in over \$300 million to the Treasury. Each tourist spent an average of \$366 during his stay ly review said.

that the economy is coming into a period of renewed quick

Also favouring a bullish outlook were the indicators on production, employment and retail prices - - all suggesting that the recovery was continuing apace. And investors could take heart that business was barrelling along again, despite the temporary problems caused by this winter's bitter cold.

New York stock market is not the "little guy", likely to be influenced by the short-term picture and looking to make a killing. Rather, the market plods along with a careful waitand-see attitude, mainly due to the institutional investors banks, insurance companies, pension funds -- that account for most of its dealings.

Among the institutions, serious doubts persist over the strength of the recovery and the outlook for consumer prices. The retail price index surged I per cent in February, pushed by the increase in food prices, up 2 per cent in the same period -- the biggest jump in more

rushed to explain that the explosion in farm prices was a result of the cold in the east and the drought in the west. but the argument fell on deaf ears. On Wall Street, inflation is "public enemy number one,"

Not even President Carter's

Japan, U.S. reportedly will finance Suez Canal projects

CAIRO, March 28 (Agencies)

— Japan and the United States have promised to help finance multi-million projects at deepening and widening the Suez Canal the newspaper Al Ahram said yesterday.

Al Ahram, quoting the Under-Secretary for Economy and Economic Cooperation, Dr. Wagih Shendi, said the promise was made during a two-day meeting of a number of Arab and world finance bodies which ended here Saturday.

The newspaper said that to finance the projects, costing

more than \$500 million, the World Bank had promised \$80 million, the Arab Bank for Economic and Social Development \$40 million, the Saudi Development Bank \$50 million and the Islamic Development Bank \$12 millions.

Meanwhile, the Kuwaiti newspaper Al Watan reported yesterday that Egypt's President Anwar Sadat will shortly proclaim Port Said a free port on the Mediterranean to boost his country's economy.

would make the announcement during his visit to West

It said that President Sadat

Germany next month.

WALL STREET REPORT

Prices declined once again Monday on the New York Stock exchange -- for the eighth straight session -- as the industrial average lost nearly three points in sluggish trading. This average now stands at its lowest level of the year having lost more than 41 points in the last eight sessions.

Investors keep worrying about inflation and interest rates. There was also a general pessimism about prospects for firstquarter earnings reports as many American companies seem to layer suffered from the cold winter. The Commerce Department also announced today a record \$1.9 billion deficit for the U.S. rade balance in February.

Losers outnumbered gainers at the bell by a margin of

Steel and pharmaceutical issues closed on a very weak tone, along with gold mine and chemical shares. On the other hand, oil and computer issues were generally steady.

At the close, the industrial average shows at 926.11, a loss of 2.75 points: Transp at 225.31, a loss of 0.98; utilities at 105.32, a gain of 0.10. 16.710,000 shares changed hands, of which 2,920,000 uring the last hour.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market moved lower Monday on small selling and lack of interest ahead of Tuesday's budget, dealers said. Thin conditions accentuated falls and at 15:00 the F.T. index was down

Insurances weakened reflecting the Tenerife air disaster. Sun Alliance eased 14p. Equity leaders were led lower by Unilever which lost 12p.

Government bonds fell by up to one-half point in small turnover. Gold shares followed the lower bullion price with heavyweights losing over one point. Dollar stocks declined and Canadians held barely steady.

ICI, Fisons, Glaxo, Thorn, Hawker and Beecham lost between 7p and 10p.

Reckitt and Colman was 8p down on balance after results.

Price of gold closed in London Monday at \$149.50/oz.

Eritrean sources claim

KHARTOUM, March 28 (AFP). — Ethiopian forces have lost 600 killed and 70 prisoners in a bid, backed by airstrikes, to retake the important town of Nakia which they lost to

Front (EPLF) said here today.

The Ethiopians lost 420 men when EPLF forces captured the town last Wednesday, EPLF said.

Wall Street's rate declines regardless...

April.

growth.

But the prime mover in the

than two years.

Government

capital borrowings NEW YORK, March 28 (AFP).

Poorer nations reduce

 Poor countries reduced their borrowing on international capital markets in the first three months of this year while industrial countries and members of OPEC boosted their borrowing sharply compared with the three-month period, Morgan Guaranty said over the

he would soon introduce a

comprehensive anti-inflation

plan put the brakes on the

downward market trend, which

some observers expect to pick

up speed when the president

presents his energy package in

Oil companies are already

facing difficulties in the United

States and many have informed

their shareholders that they

should expect lower first-quar-

ter earnings as a result of the decline in industrial activity

caused by last winter's freeze.

the bottom out of the market.

And Bethlehem Steel's an-

nouncement that it had lost

money in the first quarter inc-

reased the selling pressure. It

was the country's second-big-gest steelmaker's first loss since

That news nearly knocked

International credits handed out in the first quarter of 1977 totalled about \$14,800 million. about the same as in the prior period, the bank said in the latest issue of its bulletin, World Financial Markets.

It said developing countries that were not exporters of oil borrowed only \$2,500 million in the first three months, compared with \$4,600 million in the last quarter of 1976. The bank noted a sharp drop in borrow-ing by Brazil (\$726 million

GOLD'S MORNING PRICE RECORDS SUDDEN DROP

LONDON, March 28 (AFP). — Gold fell sharply in early dealings on the London bullion market today.

It opened at \$150.875 per ounce, down \$2.75 from the closing price on Friday.

Dealers linked the decline to a call by Mr. Henry Reuss, Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives' Banking Committee, that the United States sell part of its official gold

against \$1,546 million) and by Mexico (\$412 million against \$899 million).

paradoxically, were the shares

generally considered the safest

and most attractive. Numerous

blue chips and glamour issues

such as Burroughs, Eastman

Kodak and Texas International,

The institutional investors ap-

parently have begun unloading

them for fear that their port-

folios are not sufficiently roun-

ded. But the institutions are

not the only ones that have

taken to the sidelines. According to Mr. Eric Hayden, chief economist at the Bank of

America -- the country's lar-

gest -- a profound change has

taken place in U.S. business

thinking since the worldwide recession in 1974-75. Business-

men, says Mr. Hayden, are no

longer looking for a return on

the risks they take, but a profit

were sharply lower.

It attributed the decline to the growth of monetary re-serves of some of the developing countries following higher export earnings from commodities such as coffee and cocoa. It also cited the reluctance of the international banking community to make further loans to some of the countries with chronic balance of payments deficits.

Borrowing by industrial nations, on the other hand, rose to \$8,850 million from \$7,250 million previously. French borrowing jumped to \$1,216 million from \$228 million, while Britain's went to \$1,815 million from \$792 million. Sweden also boosted its borrowing sharply (\$1,291 million against \$455 million), but loans to Canada declined to \$1,160 million from \$2,170 million.

Members of the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), meanwhile, increased their demands for credit to \$2,400 million from \$970 million in the prior period, mainly due to a sharp rise in borrowing by Venezuela (\$1,300 million as against \$138 million).

Morgan Guaranty noted that loans to Eastern bloc countries and to international financial institutions had declined during the same period, partly due to increased prudence on the part of the world banking community. The Eastern bloc nations are already heavily in debt.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

WUWAIT, March 28 (R). — Kuwait crude oil sales since the beginning of the year have averaged 1,654,000 barrels a day, it was officially announced here yesterday. Sales in January fell to about one million barrels a day compared with a government target of two million due to fall in demand following the 10-per cent oil price increase on Jan. 1.

ECCA, March 28 (R). - Lebanon, South Yemen and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) were yesterday admitted as new members of the Islamic Development Bank. Announcing the decision, by the bank's Board of Governors, Saudi Arabia's Finance Minister Sheikh Mohammad Ali Abu Al Khail also said the bank governors made suggestions on new methods of work that fell in line with the rules of the Quran.

WASHINGTON, March 28 (AFP). - Japan will propose to the Coming Western nations economic summit in London that they should avoid "protectionism" at all costs, Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda has said here. In an interview with American television made earlier last week during his official visit to Washington but broadcast yesterday, Mr. Fukuda said he believed the renewal of such an undertaking against protectionist economic policies was necessary. Japan, he said, plans to stimulate its economy as much as possible in a to allow it to assume its international responsibilities. This stimulation must be through increasing imports and reducing Japan's trade excess, he added.

(UWAIT, March 28 (R). — The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) has given Morocco a 10-milliondinar (£20 million) loan to help build a dam and carry out an irrigation project, it was officially announced here today. The announcement said an agreement to this effect was signed here last night by Kuwaiti Finance Minister Abdul Rahman Al Atiqi and Moroccan Charge d'Affaires Mohammad Bin Jalloun. The Wadi Al Makhazen dam project is designed to benefit from Al Lakkous River waters for irrigation purposes and check

Jagjivan Ram accepts defence portfolio

New Indian government pledges to restore freedom

India's new government today promised to restore individual feedoms after the "traumatic experience" of the 19-months' state of emergency.

Acting President Basappa Danappa Jatti, making the government's policy statement to a joint meeting of the upper and lower houses of parliament, said this month's general elections had resulted in a clear verdict for individual freedom, democracy and the rule of law, and against executive arbitrariness, personality cults and extra-constitutional centres of

troduce comprehensive legislation later this year to amend the constitution and prevent future abuses of power by emergency rule, he said. It pledges to remove destit-

ution and correct a dangerous imbalance in the economy caused by neglect of the rural sector, Mr. Jatti added. Premier Morarji Desai, 81,

has the necessary two-thirds majority in the Lok Sabha (lower house) to dismantle any of the emergency measures adopted by Mrs. Indira Gandhi's Congress Party in June 1975. Shortly before addressing pa-

rliament, President Jatti presided over the swearing-in ceremony of the last five ministers in Mr. Desai's cabinet.

They included Mr. Jagjivan Ram, leader of the country's 80 million Untouchables, who agreed to take the defence portfolio yesterday after earlier refusing to join the government. Acting President Jatti / said the Janata government's most

urgent tasks included: -- A thorough review .of the Maintenance of Internal Security Act aimed at repealing it. Most of the tens-of-thousands of political prisoners held without trial during the emergency

Cardinal Emile Biayenda, the

murdered archbishop of Brazz-

aville, was buried yesterday at

a service attended by thousands

The 50-year-old prelate was

Official sources have said

killed last Tuesday, five days

after the assassination of Pre-

of people in Brazzaville.

sident Ngouabi.

were detained under this act. -- Legislation to ensure no political or social organisation would be banned, except after

judicial inquiry.
-- Repeal of the Prevention of Publication of Objectionable Matter Act. Restoration of press immunity in - reporting. parliament

-- Repeal of amendments to election laws made after Mrs. Gandhi was convicted of cor-rupt electoral practices in 1975. The amendments redefined cortain individuals, including the prime minister, beyond the script rupt practices and places cer-

Congo's ex-premier sentenced

BRAZZAVILLE, March 28 (Agencies) A Congolese court martial has sentenced former Prime Minister Pascal hard labour for life for his part in the coup bid which led to the murder of President Marien Ng. ouapi on March 18, it was announced here today in an official

communique. The court martial handed out the same sentence to Mr. Ernest Claude Ndala, a former secretary general of the ruling Congolese Labour Party (CLP) as well as to Mr. Antoine Mahi-touou and Mr. Ruben Moun-galami, a CLP communique announced.

his part in the assassination of Maj. Ngouabi.

Ndala and Mr. Lissouba allegedly tried to replace the present regime with a "Bantu socialism', the communique said. The Military Committee, which has ruled the Congo since

for terms ranging from eight

Last Friday former President Alhonse Massemba-Debat was executed by firing squad for

Mr. Massemba-Debat, Mr.

President Ngouabi's death, has also taken action against officers and former officers earmarked by ex-President Massamba-Debat for his army high command, an official report

Col. David Moutsaka, Chief of armed forces General Staff

years to life for their part in under M. Massamba-Debat, was the assassination of President dismissed from the army, sent to the interior of the country Ngouabi. and banned from urban cent-

Similar measures have been taken against six other former officers including former Capt. Henri Hondziel, Chief of Gene-ral Staff under President Ngo-

Two days ago, four soldiers were executed and three jailed

LISBON, March 28, (R). — Portugal's formal application today to join the European Common Market crowns a remark-

It is also the first step along what he knows will be a long, hard road before this small and desperately-poor country can

But Dr. Soares believes pas-

1,570 killed in Romania quake

VIENNA, March 28 (R). - The Romanian earthquake on March 4 killed 1,570 people, President Nicolae Ceausescu said today. The latest figure raised the known death toll by 29, the Agerpres news agency reported. Mr. Ceansescu, in a speech in Bucharest, said 11,300 people were injured and 854 were still under medical treatment. The quake destroyed 32,900 homes and made 35,000 families homeless.

valued the escudo by 15 per cent, and ordered a freeze on the price of basic foods and services for the next year.

red by three members of the president's family. The sources said two of them were execu-

Pinichi.

ted by firing squad Saturday Cardinal Blayenda was buried in Brazzaville's Cathedral of the Sacred Heart after a mass attended by members of the Congo's ruling Military Committee and a special envoy of Pope Paul, Cardinal Oriano

The archbishop became the Congo's first cardinal in 1973

Cardinal Biayenda was murde-Portugal formally applies for EEC membership

He sees it as a logical sequel

to the 1974 military coup which

ended nearly half-a-century of

rightwing dictatorship in Portugal and the subsequent

process in which the nation

shed its colonial past and elec-

ted new, democratic institu-

"We have already come a long way," he told foreign cor-

respondents at a luncheon re-

cently. "Never forget this when

people say how badly things

Last month, half-way through

are going in the new Portugal."

his tour of the nine EEC ca-

pitals, his minority Socialist government launched a tough

new austerity programme, de-

able diplomatic effort by its 52-year-old Socialist Prime Minister, Dr. Mario Soares.

become fully integrated in the European community.

sionately that Portugal belongs in Europe, and that full membership of the Common Market is essential to the survival of its still frail democracy and to its future prosperity.

> And last week he reshuffled his eight-month-old cabinet to give greater strength to the key areas of industry and technology, trade and tourism, and

Dr. Soares has taken all these steps in a bid to curb inflation, running at 30 per cent reduce unemployment from it: present 15 per cent, and reduc a balance of payments defici running at an annual rate c. \$1.3 billion.

He knows that unles Portugal can get its economi house in order, the task c entering the Common Marke will become immeasurably has der, if not impossible.

Dr. Soraes would like to se Portugal in the community b the end of 1980. In recent state ments he has said he expect negotiations to begin early ner year at the latest and tak two or three years to complet Once inside the EEC, he er

and a possibly longer one fe. agriculture. Portugal would b come a fully-integrated mer ber in about 10 years. During his tour of the nir

visages a five-year transitic period for the industrial secto

EEC countries, Dr. Soares wo general approval for his aim with Britain and West German perhaps the most enthusiastron and France the most lukeward

As blacks end martyrs' commemorative week

South Africa's new F.M. wants his country to remain in U.N. "to keep in touch with enemies"

JOHANNESBURG, March 28 (AFP). — South Africa should remain a member of the United Nations, Foreign Minister-designate Pik Botha said on his return here last night to take up his new portfolio in the

South African cabinet.
Mr. Botha, whose term as
South Africa's ambassador to the United Nations and to the United States ended last week, will become foreign minister on April I.

"South Africa should remain a member of the United Nations as it provides a forum in which she can state her case. It is also advisable to keep in touch with the place where South Africa's enemies are plotting against her," he told an airport press con-

ference. Mr. Botha, who left the United States last week with a warning that South Africa would stand up and fight on its own if necessary, said last night there was no doubt the

world body could present South Africa with serious problems, "but the fact remains South Africa has an inner strength which is beyond the reach of the U.S."

Meanwhile, near Johannesburg in the streets of Soweto township, several thousand African schoolchildren in mourning attire, yesterday marched, winding up by a huge demons-tration Heroes' Week in honour of South Africa's black mar-

Heroes Week began last Sunday by a similar mass demonstration on the eve of the 17th anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre in which 69 blacks, protesting South Africa's race laws, were gunned down by police. Police kept a low profile during the demonstration

yesterday, patrolling Soweto streets in ordinary cars, by groups of four or six. By contrast, last Sunday, police riot squads in "hippo"

armoured-cars were called in to maintain a close watch on the demonstrators. No incident between police

and the young demonstrators, marching towards Soweto YMCA Hall, was reported.

Last week, Johannesburg's Methodist Bishop Manas Buthelezi. President of Soweto's lezi, President of Soweto's Black Parents' Association (BPA), had preached a sermon in the YMCA hall in memory of Sharpeville's victims. During this service, it was decided that a week of prayers and mourning would be observed by Soweto's schoolchildren and militant groups.

Organisers, such as the South African Students' Organisation (SASO) and the Black People's Convention (BPC) were pleased that this commemorative week coincided with the United Nations' Security Council debate on Southern Africa.

Observers noted that Sowe-

to's show of solidarity in this

commemorative week was not

only in memory of the Sharpe-

ville's martyrs but, above a in memory of the some 50 victims who died in the blood student uprising last ye: which lasted from June October.

Last year's uprising began Soweto, home of some on million blacks, by a stude revolt and it later spread, sporadic flare-ups, to all the black and coloured township of most major South Africa cities such as Cape Town, Pr toria, Port Elizabeth and Joha



WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

CAIRO, March 28 (R). — Egypt is imposing restrictions on the entry of Libyans in reply to similar measures taken by Libyan authorities, the semi-official newspaper Al Ahram reported yesterday. It said 37 Libyans were returned Saturday after arriving at Cairo Airport. Diplomats and other Libyans working with international organisations and those with Egyptian work permits would be exempted from the new regularations, Al Ahram said.

HONG KONG, March 28 (R). — Philippines Foreign Secretary Carlos Romulo today appealed to the Western news media to give developing countries a fair hearing. "The governments of most of these (developing) countries feel that, for whatever reason, events there are not being reported fairly, that their politicies and actions are being misinterpreted in the Western mass media," the 78-year-old former Pulitzer prize winning journalist told a Hong Kong foreign correspondents club lunch

ABU DHABI, March 28 (R). — The Executive Committee of the Islamic Broadcasting Union yesterday agreed to set up a "Voice of Islam" radio station which it hoped would be heard in most countries of the world. The station would broadcast from Mecca, Islam's holiest city near Saudi Arabia's eastern coast, an official statement said. The executive will set up a committee of leading Moslem thinkers to prepare for the project which would aim to spread the Islamic faith and defend Moslem causes, the statement

DARIS, March 28 (R). — Two Frenchmen and an Algerian kidparis, March 28 (R). — Two Frenchmen and an Algerian kidnapped by Kurdish rebels in Iraq on Feb. 28 were released on Saturday morning, the French Foreign Ministry said today. The two Frenchmen, M. Dominique Sovy and M. Philippe Drezet, and the Algerian, Mr. Maich Oman, were all employed by a French road building company in Iraq. No details of their release were immediately available. Kurdish rebels still detain four Polish engineers captured towards the end of Decamber, according to French neers captured towards the end of December, according to French

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